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Beyond the classroom

Brandon Stookey
News Editor

Squeezing time for school, work, family and friends leaves PUC students very little room to apply for internships and explore prospective careers.

As of 2008, PUC requires all students to have two Experiential Learning classes in order to graduate. This was reiterated at the ExL update and student presentation on April 14.

When the administration surveyed PUC students, they discovered many students work 30 hours a week and cannot participate in internships, Beth Pellicciotti, assistant vice chancellor for academic quality programs, said.

Experiential Learning was put in place so all students and graduates will have a chance to participate in a real world project that will expand their skills in the real world.

"Experiential Learning is part of a shared vision between Chancellor Cohen and the faculty senate," Pellicciotti said.

When the program was established in 2005 and 2006 the senate searched and found an organization, National Society of Experiential Education, which sets standards for what students should accomplish.

PUC is now recognized as a national leader in the field of experiential education, stated in ExL's handout.

Pellicciotti said, ExL classes are not defined by how many hours a student puts into it. What is important is if this project will help students gain relevant experience in their field.

ExL has over 119 courses. A blackboard survey was created to gauge students, who participated in experiential learning, opinions about the program.

"The course alignment of what faculties expect it to be and what students say it is, is very close," Pellicciotti said.

Ed Pierson, cooperative education coordinator for electrical and computer engineering, said "(Experiential Learning) It's trying to bridge the gap between what you do at the university to what you do on a job."

In classrooms students solve problems by themselves. In the real world problems are required to be solved by teamwork. Students need to learn the importance of working in a group.

"No one can design a whole car by themselves," Pierson said.

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Students question Chartwells

Gina Barone
Chronicle Correspondent

Poor nutrition, high prices and short hours, are just a few complaints lodged against Chartwells. The student body is now visibly annoyed with the lacking standards in the cafeteria here at PUC.

"There are only one or two choices that are not drained with butter and/or grease," Jana Petkovic-Sudar, junior and dual hospitality/tourism management major, said. "The meat which the cafeteria serves is full of preservatives and high in sodium. More effort needs to be put into better food. The processed and fake chips that were apparently once vegetables are just not cutting it."

Students are also irritated over the cost of food. Current attendees have dealt with a tuition raise and are concerned for their bank accounts.

Cherron Simes, senior psychology major, said, "For the food being the price it is, the quality and taste isn't worth it. $3 for a tiny salad or nearly $4 for a sandwich is kind of alarming. With being charged out the ears for tuition, books, and other school-related expenses, campus food shouldn't be another financial burden."

Students have also questioned why Chartwells has an exclusive contract with PUC. For people who live on campus, options can be slim.

"My opinion is the food doesn't taste good and it's too expensive. Sometimes I want to eat something from school, but there is nothing good to eat," Ahmad Kadim Alajmi, junior electrical engineering major, said. "I think they should make a contract with good cooks to serves students or make a contract with restaurants such as Subway, Dunkin Donuts, Chipotle or Pizza Hut."

With the concerns rising, David Voss, junior and political science major, has worked with the SGA to create a petition. This petition is a response of the student body which demands fair pricing, better quality and extended hours. The petition also addresses cleanliness issues, organic options as well as ingredient listings and nutrition value postings.

Voss is concerned about the choices being made for students without their knowledge.

"This is our school and we as a student body can't let the faculty make decisions for us," Voss said.

Creating a sense of community and bringing students together is Voss's concern and commitment to PUC. In executing his vision, Voss sought out Jessie Martin, SGA president, to help not only compose the petition, but also to put the petition into the hands of students.

"Many of the stipulations David was bringing up had been priorities in what the SGA was looking for, and have been fought for by our negotiator who was working with Chartwells to develop a contract extension," Martin said. "It was always my preference that an open bid process would have ensued to allow us to have some competition for providing food services to PUC."

Martin and Voss look forward to seeing major changes in the food on campus and feel the best recourse is the student body to utilize its collective voice.

For more information on the petition or to sign:
- Contact the SGA in SUL room 324F.
- E-mail pucstudent.gov@gmail.com.
- Contact David Voss directly at Dhvoss@purduecal.edu.
- To read the petition in its entirety, visit pucchronicle.com.

Go to pucchronicle.com to view the following articles:

- **"ACE awards given to student organizations" features award winners.**
- **"Ghost presentation keeps spirits high" Student Secular Alliance's presented ghosts investigators.**
- **"Campus considered 'relatively safe'" looks into the University Police campus survey results.**

Look for the following article on pucchronicle.com this Wednesday:

- **"Moon buggy" features PUC teams that participated in NASA's Moon Buggy race.**

Accapella Club

Photo: Powell Smith

Accapella group on campus serenade Professor Patricia Hales.

ADMINISTRATIVE update

Experience Summer!

There's no better time than summer to accelerate your degree pursuit!

The weather's getting warmer…We're coming down the home stretch of the spring semester, and . . . you'd like to pick up a few more credits before next fall . . .

Why not *Experience Summer* courses at Purdue Calumet? Adaptable, schedule-friendly, PUC summer course options can accelerate your degree pursuit!

Check out what there is to offer this summer—on line, at our Hammond campus and at our Academic Learning Center (ALC) in south Lake County. For those of you who live or work in or around south Lake County, we're hosting an open house at the ALC Tuesday (4/19), from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.—9900 Connecticut Dr., two miles south of U.S. Highway 30, just east of Broadway Avenue (www.purduecal.edu/alc/experience-summer).

Our summer courses are available in flexible schedule options. We offer classes day and evening, scheduled within 4-, 5-, 6- and 8-week windows. We offer a wide range of summer courses to accommodate most every student's busy schedule.

DIFFERENT MODULES TO SUIT YOUR SCHEDULE

Did you know that our summer courses start and conclude within various modules?

- **Module 1:** *Some of you know this as "May-Mester." Courses offered during this module begin May 16; most conclude by June 11.*
- **Module 2:** Courses offered during this module begin June 13. Our traditional, 8-week summer courses continue through the first week in August. Other courses, using a format of longer class sessions scheduled within a reduced period of time, conclude as early as July 9.
- **Module 3:** Courses offered during this module begin July 11 and conclude by Aug. 6.

Think about it. Wouldn't it be great to complete a course or two in just four to eight weeks? Summer is a great time to progress toward graduation at your own pace and convenience.

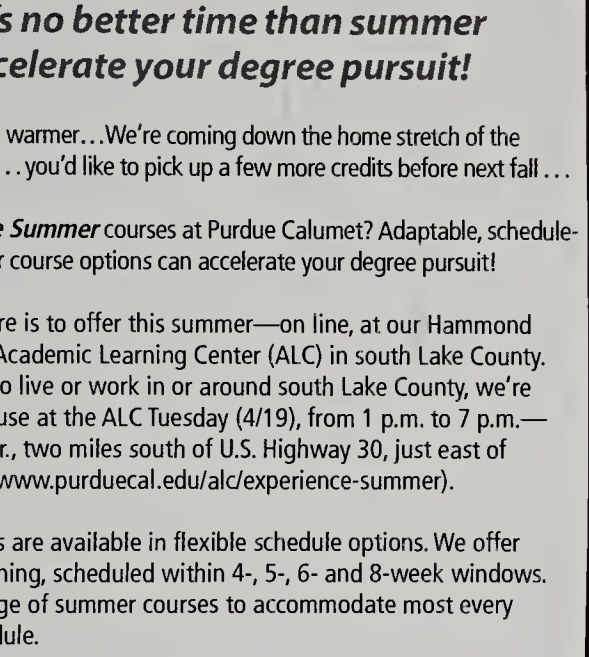
STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL SUMMER ENROLLMENT

1. Check out the summer course options available on campus and at the ALC. (Friends and family members attending other schools who will be home for the summer also are eligible to enroll in Purdue Calumet summer classes.)

2. Make an appointment with your advisor! He or she can help you identify the best summer course options to keep you on track to graduation and maybe even get you there quicker!

3. Register now. Don't delay. If you have registration questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at 219/989-2210, or stop by the Enrollment Services Center in Lawshe 130.

4. Experience Summer 2011 at PUC!



Dive into Purdue University Calumet this summer!

What's Going On?
A look around PUC...

Career Service Events

Mock Interview Marathon
Wednesday, April 20, 2011, SUL 349

Corporate recruiters will be available to conduct mock interviews with students (35 minute sessions, interview followed by critique). You MUST schedule an interview time through CareerTrax, walk-ins will not be accepted on mock interview day.

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Career Services @ Your Service Days-
Tues. Apr. 19th, 3pm-7pm Academic Learning Center, Crown Point, IN
Tues. Apr. 26th, 11am-2pm, Student Union Library Building (SUL) 1st Floor – The International Concourse

GSI: Graduate School Investigation (Webinar Edition)-

Gaining Admission into Highly Competitive Graduate Schools: On-Demand Video at http://webs.calumet.purdue.edu/careerservices/webshops/

***B2B: Backpacks to Briefcases* (Webinars Edition)-**
Twitter Your Way to a GREAT Job!
Wed., Apr. 20th, 2pm-3pm, SUL 349

Career Planning
Wed., Apr. 27th, 10am-11am, SUL 301

If You Are NOT Listening – You Won't Get the Job!
Wed., Apr. 27th, 2pm-3pm, SUL 349

Campus Interviews-
Management Trainee Program-Menards
Wednesday, April 20, 2011, SUL 349

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Resume/Cover Letter Review Sessions-
Tuesdays, 10am or 2pm, SUL 349
Wednesdays, NOON or 6pm, SUL 349
Thursdays, 9am or 4pm, SUL 349

For more information about the events and resources provided by Career Services, please visit us at www.purduecal.edu/careerservices, call (219) 989-2600 or stop by SUL 349.

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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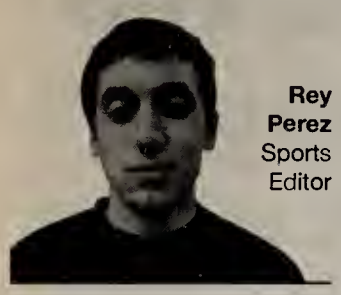

Rey Perez
Sports Editor

It's one of those phrases that have no meaning behind it. One that you know the minute you walk out of the door, the topic is forgotten. One of those that carry as much weight as a toddler. "We'll look into it." Yea, ok.

It's a phrase the Chronicle has heard for nearly four full months now. While just about the entire campus underwent a huge transformation in the form of Windows 7 upgrades, new desktops, and better labs, the Chronicle office still contains computers that look like they belong in a 1999 home movie.

Filled with dust and viruses alike, a Sunday production day is like a crapshoot. We really never know if the computer will play nice or burst into flames. Yet the false promises of new hardware continue, and the issues keep hitting the boxes every Monday morning, even with our struggles.

The "we'll look into its" are endless.

The "we'll look into its" are endless. Promises of new desktops with updated software to aid our work days are being made and broken every week, a tease like no other. Every time we would walk into the office months back, it was with anticipation thinking this may be the day there may be new goodies and smooth sailing. Now, we walk in knowing our old friends Freezy and Dusty will be waiting.

If it's not going to happen, then it's not, but don't tell us we are important to you and that we will be taken care of. It's a verbal slap in the face to lie.

Why don't we just buy them ourselves you say? Anyone have $1,700 lying around we could borrow? If we wanted to get our own, PUC would force us to spend that for machines built to meet their outrageous standards. And if we don't? They can just play hard ball and not allow us access to crucial things we need. Impressive.

Maybe the promises continue because we do keep producing a paper every Monday? Maybe they think we don't need anything new as long as we are squeaking by with what we have. Perhaps we won't see any improvement until the day where we can't do our jobs and produce a product.

Maybe it won't be resolved until we lose all of our hard work. Maybe we won't have new ones until we get so frustrated that we pull an Office Space beat down on them.

But hey. Maybe I'm just dreaming, and maybe, just maybe, the false promises and big lies continue. Not sure yet thought, "I'll look into it."

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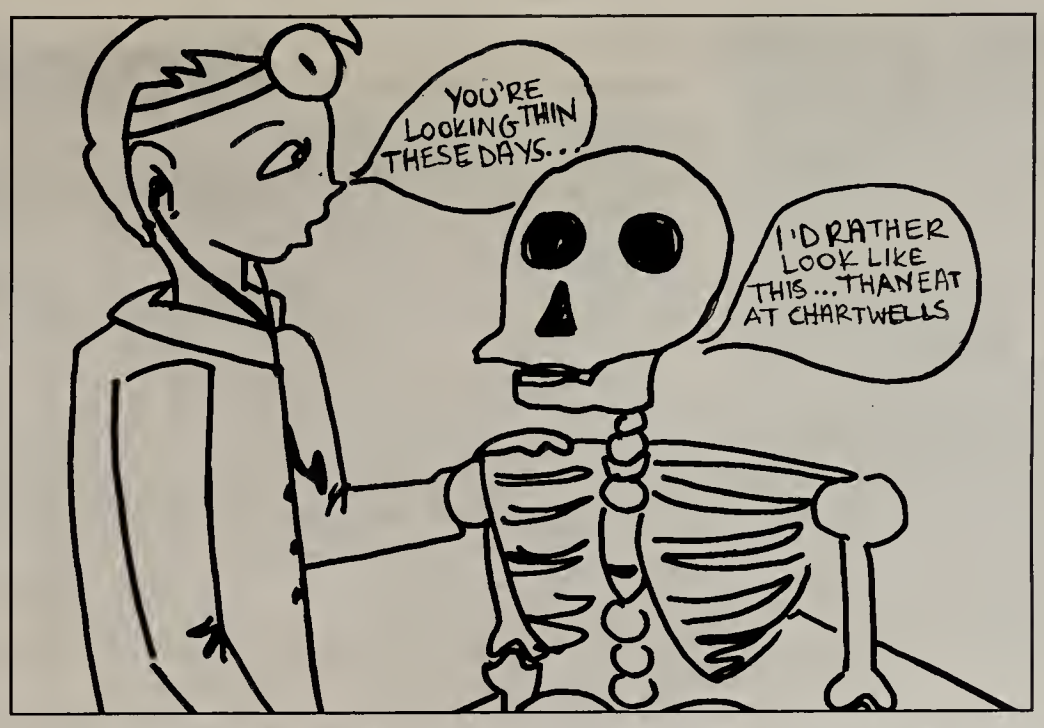

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One of these is not like the others

Issue: Chartwells contract will not be rebid
Stance: Chartwells is money-hungry

The end of spring semester is survey time. Departments all over campus have students fill out surveys, so each of these groups knows how they can improve and better their service to the student population. However, there is one glaring exception to this great trend.

Advisers have two different surveys right now, one of which is for the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. The surveys try to capture how helpful the advisers are to the students. They are taken immediately upon exiting a session with the adviser so the ideas and opinions are fresh in the mind. It is also available online if students need to otherwise express themselves.

Experiential Learning, PUCPD and even professors all have surveys as platforms for students to speak from. It helps the students' voices be heard, and the student responses to professors have a direct, concrete impact on such things as achieving tenure, promotions and raises. Good professors with positive responses receive these things and bad professors with poor responses do not.

One very common organization on campus not currently seeking student opinions is Chartwells. Chartwells is a division of London-based Compass Group, the world's largest catering company. Compass Group reported revenue of $14.5 billion last year and employs over 425,000 people. Only a few short years ago, the company was caught in a scandal for bribing various United Nations officials. The incident brought to light several very alarming, very illegal things the business did. Compass eventually admitted to doing the bad deeds, firing three of the nearly half-million employees to show their displeasure.

Compass doesn't need to care about the student population because they do not need to worry about them. The company doesn't become the largest company in the world by addressing the needs of the students. Companies get to the top of the world by being ruthless, cunning and unforgiving. What is losing a few meals at PUC, when they serve 4,000,000,000 meals each year? They have the money and time to be patient until people stop thinking about how much they dislike the service.

The truly disheartening part of the whole problem is when Princeton Review names Bon Appétit, another division of the company (and the producer of the pastries sold on campus), the "Number One College Food Service in the Country." If they can be the best, why are they so sub-par here?

The administration has more or less stopped entertaining the idea of looking to other food companies, instead falling back on the company which has students petitioning against it. Do not expect Chartwells to improve. It is not in the nature of Compass Group to do anything of the sort.

COMMENTS?

Write to us and see your thoughts in print!

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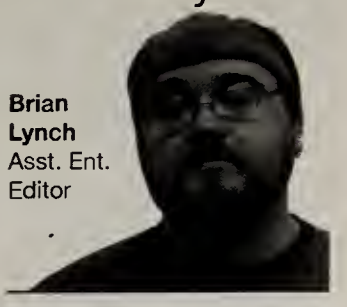
Don't carry it all



Brian Lynch
Asst. Ent. Editor

It's almost that time again. The semester is winding down, and finals week is looming large. Zero hour.Crunch time.The moment of truth.

While it's comforting to know summer is waiting on the other side, getting through the tail-end of a semester can be a frustrating, exhausting process that none of us are immune to. I'm starting to see it everywhere I go on campus. People are stressed and cranky, and the ones that aren't seem to have already checked out. Honestly, I'm starting to become one of them.

This semester alone I've started a second job, moved into a new apartment, lost a family member and quit smoking. At least I'm trying to quit smoking. Add a full course load on top of all of that and anyone is likely to be more than a little stressed out.

I used to be reluctant to ask professors for clarification

So in an attempt to remain my usual, dopey optimistic self, I've been searching for ways to beat the pressure we're all feeling. The quickest way is to distract yourself from it entirely. Take a little bit of time every day to do the things you love, the things that make you you. I've found that video games provide not only a distraction from everyday problems, but they're also terrific for blowing off steam and working out frustration. An hour of setting people on fire in "Team Fortress 2" really helps you forget your worries. Sure, there are people who say committing digital violence as a means of stress relief is unhealthy, but I've yet to set anyone on fire in real life, so I think I'm good.

I've also been making sure to get plenty of sleep. I know it sounds obvious, but,neglecting our basic needs is incredibly easy to do when under pressure. In the past I've pulled more than a few all-nighters, and while I was able to use the extra time to get things accomplished, it takes a tremendous toll on both your body and your mind. It's kind of hard to do well on a final when your brain is completely burnt out.

Finally, I've started swallowing my pride and asking for help when I need it. I used to be reluctant to ask professors for clarification when I didn't understand something for fear of sounding like an idiot, but remaining silent was the stupidest thing I could have done. Things like tutoring and the writing center exist for a reason. Making use of them can make all the difference in the world.

I haven't managed to beat stress entirely, but every little bit of relief counts.

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EXL

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Petrovic Vujadin, engineering, math and seience major and an ExL student, gave a presentation of the Flood Modeling of Hart Ditch. The goal of this project is to come up with a possible solution of preventing The Little Calumet River from flooding.

Some of the objectives Vujadin's team accomplished was the hydrologic model simulation and historical flow trend analysis among others.

"Basically, this is a lot of stuff you don't learn in a classroom environment," Vujadin said.

ExL offers ample opportunity for students to get to know community members and to network, Vujadin said.

From EXL Website, survey results from Fall 2010:

- 720 PUC students registered in ExL designated courses.
- Students reported working with 27 unique community partners in 13 cities through Indiana and Illinois.
- 48 percent of students reported gaining off campus experience through ExL.
- 73 percent of students said their ExL course took the entire semester.
- Additional survey resultscan be found at www.purduecal.edu/exl.
- To gain an in depth view of students' ExL experience read Andrea Drac's "Moon Buggy" story Wednesday, April 20 on www.pucchronicle.com.

Broke, bored and hungry?
Here is the solution

Felicia Dieguez
Staff Writer

The idea of the broke college student can hardly be called a stereotype because, in many cases, it is true. College, minus the homework, is supposed to be a time of being broke and having fun with friends.

Usually socializing means going out somewhere, and going out somewhere means spending money. Sound like a contradiction? Well, it doesn't have to be. Restaurant.com not only offers gift certificates to popular restaurants at a discounted price, but offers PUC students an even bigger discount.

Be on the lookout for future additional discounts offered by SGA and other discounts from PUC's Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee.

Karen Holland, secretary for university relations said, "Restaurants.com approached us (as did Six Flags, coming soon) and asked if we'd be interested. We discussed it at a CSSAC meeting, as this was one of the first non-'brick and mortar' discounts we would be offering."

Holland explained how to use restaurant.com:

- The website is easy to use. There are many different options to find a restaurant, including searching by zip code, state or city.
- Once you find the restaurant you want for your desired amount and price, click "add to cart."
- From there, students type in the promo code: PURDUE, which knocks off even more money from the total price.
- Finally click "Apply" then "Proceed to Checkout."

"The discount itself is really great, I used it myself the first day it was available. I purchased a $25 gift certificate for the Pepe's Restaurant right here on Indianapolis Blvd. for only $6. This particular gift certificate does not expire, and you print them immediately after payment is confirmed, right from your own printer," she said.

The certificates are also easy to use, and she did not experience any issues when she paid with it. Holland warned consumers need to be aware of the fine print on each gift certificate.

Restaurant.com is not the only discount offered to students. There is a list of services and products offered to PUC students at a lower price on the CSSAC section of the PUC Web site. According to the page, discounts include apartments, food and dining, automotive and motorcycles, health and wellness, clothiers, jewelers, daycare, laundry, and more.

Holland encourages students to keep their eyes open for the Six Flags discount, which will appear on informational posters. Holland believes PUC students and staff may be able to purchase tickets for only $35.

SGA is working on obtaining more discounts for students. SGA President Jessie Martin said, "The SGA did propose in our 2011-2012 budget an increase in funds to enable us to provide a student discount card to PUC students. This discount card, if funded, would be available to students for either a very small fee, such as 50 cents, or for free, depending on the recommendations of the Student Services Fee Committee."

SGA is still waiting to hear if they have received funding for the card.

Look for more "How-To" articles in the coming weeks!

IS Connection

Information Services at Purdue University Calumet

RESUME TECHNOLOGY

Technology is changing the traditional way people search for jobs. It is estimated more than 80% of employers and Fortune 500 companies use scannable resumes to identify candidates. Organizations use Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software to identify keywords that fit the criteria they are looking for in an applicant. Later, the resume information is entered into a database where employers save the data for future identification of candidates.

The printed resume format is outdated. Today, employers prefer to receive resumes in an electronic text-base layout in the body of an email and others still favor the formatted document version. However, a major issue that hinders applicant's efforts is incompatibilities between the candidate and employer's word processor. In addition, employers fear acquiring viruses by opening attachments sent by unknown users.

Employers use software like ResTrack and Resumix to identify words and dates that fit the description, they are seeking. At the minimum, persons seeking employment need a formatted print version of their resume, and a text-base (ASCII) e-resume. However, if you'd like to cover all possibilities, a rich text (RTF) version, Portable Document Format (PDF), a Web-based (HTML) and scannable resume are what is needed to keep up with resume technology as stated by SRA (Society of Research Administration) International, a professional organization that supports education and research around the world.

Resources at PUC

PUC provides resources that can assist students with creating a resume that is competitive in the ever changing technology oriented job market. Users can visit the websites listed below for The Writing Center or Career Services to obtain more information on creating a scannable resume.

The Writing Center
http://www.purduecal.edu/writingcenter/

Career Services
http://webs.purduecal.edu/careerservices/

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Costa Rica

Photo: Jessica Colhoun

The students who went to Costa Rica over spring break hold a Question and Answer session after the presentation on April, 14.

Photo: Jessica Colhoun

Kathleen Tobin, Associate Professor of history, presents the culture of Costa Rica during a presentation on April, 14.

Addressing student concerns

Devin Heller
Chronicle Correspondent

With the here today, gone tomorrow track record of advisers in the past few years, the chance to receive feedback from students is something some advisers will appreciate.

Starting April 18, students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on advising services in a campus wide survey.

The American College Testing Survey on academic advising will be available, in paper form, only on campus. The ACT Survey functions as an integral part of the 2008-2014 PUC Strategic Plan to improve the learning environment on campus, SGA President Jessie Martin, said.

Lana Bilyk, first year communication adviser, said she welcomes the surveys.

"I stand ready to help students in any way that I can and have no problem with students coming in and voicing their concerns because helping the students is what I want to do. These surveys will help to better understand student's concerns," she said.

Beth Pellicciotti, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, stated the surveys will aid advisers in creating an advising experience conducive to the academic success of students.

"The Purdue University Calumet Strategic Plan has student success as an essential goal," Pellicciotti said. To meet the goal the survey aims for a better understand of advising from a student standpoint, she added.

Participating in the national survey will provide a basis of comparison for student opinion when comparing other universities' results. The results of the survey are calculated by ACT and are tentatively set to be available fall 2011.

"The (total) results of the survey will be shared with a newly formed committee to discuss results and to determine if additional assessment may be needed for a more complete report to the campus as a whole," Pellicciotti said.

She hopes the survey answers these questions: How do our students' expectations and experiences with advising compare to those at other colleges and universities? What do our students believe we are doing well and what can be improved?

Allison Colgrove, junior elementary education major, said from her experience with advisers at PUC there is ample room for improvement.

"I have had only bad experiences with PUC advisers! My first adviser, while a very sweet lady, seemed super scatterbrained all the time. There was never any communication from the adviser to the students, and everyone was always extremely confused. Then, she quit. So now we have a new adviser who is still completely clueless. She even told most of us not to come to her unless it was really serious because she didn't have time," Colgrove said. She feels the advisers should have an ample amount of training before starting their job. "I feel like advisers need to advise, and that doesn't happen."

Surveys available in CLO concourse, SULB concourse, Gyte Cyber Café, University Village, Lawshe 130 and the library at the following times:
- 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 2-4 p.m.
- 4-6 p.m.

Looking for work?

The Chronicle is hiring for the fall semester. The following positions are open!

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Never growing up @ The Wormhole Coffee

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Dune Lorenz
Entertainment Editor

From the door to the service counter, The Wormhole Coffee may be the proud owner of the most nostalgia-filled steps ever encountered. Immediately, visitors are blasted with everything from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to a parked DeLorean DMC-12, fully equipped and just begging to go 88 mph.

The warm hum of a classic *wooden television hooked up to a* Nintendo Entertainment System greets visitors, offering a fairly large (and operational) game library. Customers are welcome to take turns playing, reliving the glory days of the 80's and 90's they grew up in, prior to their respective 20 page research papers, when students could stay up all night playing to their heart's content with only multiplication tables to worry about in the morning.

Except now, they are powered by all the cereal and coffee their wallets can afford without any nagging worries of spoiling dinner, rotting teeth or stunting growth.

Even the menu screams of a child's mind, offering cereal and coffee combinations such as "Mocha Puffs," delicacies only a child could concoct. Various loose-leaf teas and delicately crafted (non-cereal) coffees are also offered, as well as pre-made sandwiches and beverages chilling in a cooler, all at modest prices.

The focus is on the establishment and its sights, locale and toys more so than the actual menus, falling much into line with a real child's priorities. Action figures, games and play come first, while meals come only as an afterthought. Thankfully, the afterthought happens to be delicious for anyone truly youthful at heart.

Running low on energy? *HERE IS SOME CEREAL AND* CAFFEINE NOW PLAY MORE, MORE, MORE. Caffeine-infused cereals already powered by strong amounts of sugar push customers through heavy game-sessions or deep studies, providing everything a kid could want to cannonball through any obstacle.

Chairs and couches make customers feel (even more so) like they are five as they are enveloped in the comfortableness and cushiness of the overly large, fantastic furniture. Mugs have all the mystery of staying at a friend's house, using anything from a plain-colored mug to a Spider-Man character cup. Boxes of cereal are everywhere: Kix, Boo Berry, Cheerios, Coco Puffs and Honey Bunches of Oats, practically making box forts on their own.

The Wormhole Coffee is a full house from open until close with

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'El Nogalar' enchants Chicago

Photo: Chicago Reader. Photographer Eric Y. Exit

Brian Lynch
Asst. Entertainment Editor

As Americans, we do not often realize how difficult life can be beyond our own backyards. While crime and drugs are certainly a major problem here, in other parts of the world they have completely and irreparably destroyed the lives and livelihoods of millions of people. This theme is the driving force behind Tanya Saracho's latest play "El Nogalar."

Based on Anton Chekhov's classic final play "The Cherry Orchard," "El Nogalar" tells the tale of a former well-to-do family who returns to their family estate in present day Mexico only to find the world they once knew completely changed. Drug cartels wrestled the balance of power away from the government and have free reign of the country.

The play opens in a bedroom as housekeeper Dunia (Yunuen Pardo) changes bed sheets before being startled by the surprise visit of Lopez (Carlo Lorenzo Garcia.) Lopez is a lifelong friend of the family who has recently become employed by the cartel. Despite his claims he is the same man they have always known, his new position and wealth makes those

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"El Nogalar" is currently playing at Chicago's Goodman Theater through April 24th. For ticket information call (312) 443-3800 or visit www.goodmantheater.org

Pokémon:anything but black and white

Ryan Riverside
Editor-in-Chief

Pokémon are beasts of slavery, designed for the sole purpose of serving malicious trainers, killing each other and taking the world over. This simple, fundamental truth has been accepted and taken for granted by millions of children across the planet for over a decade. That is, until now. "Pokémon White" brings up questions about the morality of training monsters as well as putting forward some truly incredible graphics.

The story begins much in the same way as the others do: a young, innocent and naïve trainer wakes up one day to have an incredibly creepy scientist hand them an animal. They accept the animal without question and decide to take on the duty of filling the Pokédex (a catalogue of all 649 monsters in the world), a duty which the creepy old scientist is unable to fill for some odd reason. This time, the two other starter choices are taken by your two best friends, who show up repeatedly to annoy you on your journey. Cheren is your haughty friend who falsely thinks he is better than you and Bianca is the ditzy stupid friend you wish had not come along.

As the player progresses along, they come across Team Plasma, who is convinced all Pokémon should be liberated from their trainers. They proceed to try to do this by force, making most of the game a process of fixing the calamity they cause. Their leader is a mysterious, confused young man named N. N seems to have a noble ambition, but a terribly poor method of execution.

One of the first noticeable changes "White" has over the previous generation of Pokémon games is the battle screen. Unlike all previous games in the series, the battle camera is not fixed in place, instead hopping about like a schizophrenic house fly, zooming from one participant to the other in a vain attempt at making the battles somehow more exciting. The monsters on both sides are continuously animated, giving a mostly seamless look to the entire battle sequence. Perhaps the best improvement is in how the health bar takes damage. Instead of the achingly-slow tick it had, the damage now lops off quickly, cutting a lot of time out of battling.

The update in graphics is breathtaking. Comparing "White" to anything else made by GameFreak would feel like an insult. The whole game feels 3-D, alive and interactive. Entering some of the larger cities feels like leaping into an entirely different platform of gaming. The camera moves and spins around buildings and obstacles instead of being fixed in the bland 2-D space that typified the look of so many Game Boy games for so many years. The only crime committed here was that GameFreak did not hold out a month more to release the game on the 3DS, Nintendo's new 3-D portable.

Playing the game brings back childhood memories of swapping Pokémon with friends and trying to be "the very best." At the same time, the game takes on a much darker feel than games in the past. Despite the "White" name, this entry in the series explores the darker side of what it really means for a 10-year-old to carry the burden of raising and training so many animals. While Team Plasma (whose members tend to shout, "Plasmaaaaaaaaa!" when being defeated) does seem like a demonized parody of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the villain N really seems conflicted at times about what is right and wrong, and which path is the best. For once, the bad guys are not being bad for the sake of being bad, but for a somewhat noble purpose.

"Pokémon White" is a masterpiece on all levels. From

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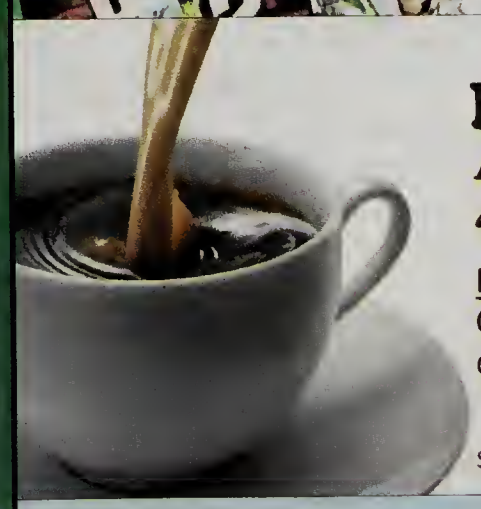

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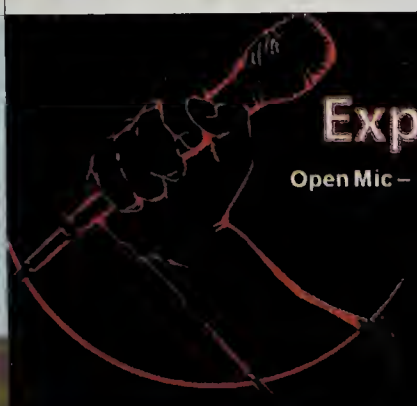

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'Hanna' a lean, mean thriller

Photo: Focus Features

Bill Koester
Asst. Sports Editor

Making an action film with very little character development, story points or even dialogue is often a bad idea, as such movies are usually pointless exercises in mindless violence. Yet, the new picture "Hanna" somehow manages to take so little and produce a tightly-wound and highly effective thriller.

Saoirse Ronan plays the title character, a teenager who has lived her whole life in the rural Finland woods training to be an assassin with her father (Eric Bana). When her skills finally reach a certain level, the two undertake a dangerous mission that

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Blandness you 'didn't see coming'

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Kayla Greenwell
Copy Editor

The apocalypse genre does so well for a variety of reasons, the main one being the action packed, raw emotion of it all. Without these certain components, anything in this genre will certainly fall through the cracks of an enjoyable experience.

"Things We Didn't See Coming," by Steven Amsterdam, lacks this emotional aspect of a good apocalypse story, making it hard for the reader to fully invest in what they are reading. The story is like a watered-down version of something written by Joey Comeau. There are so many fantastic and crazy things going on, but there is never any energetic response from the characters. It is like learning a billionaire just made billions of more dollars. Who is going to care? They were rich to begin with.

The story follows a man through three decades of living in a post-apocalyptic world. As time goes on and the ma n grows older, his actions and society grow wilder and wilder.

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'Endgame' new beginning for Rise Against

Brandon Hayes
Asst. News Editor

If there is one band that consistently writes songs about the anger of a generation, the rapid downfall of society and the distrust of our government, it is Rise Against.

The Chicago Punk-Rockers are back and as outspoken as ever with their sixth studio album entitled "Endgame."

Throughout the album, a mass of emotions can be found in the lyrics of lead vocalist Tim McIlrath. "Endgame" speaks directly towards the theme of the album, the end of all things to come, greed of the powerful, death and destruction. The bands genius use of catchy guitar riffs incorporated with powerful socio-political messages sets "Endgame" off to a great start. Like the albums predecessor, "Appeal to Reason," it features many energetic anthems taking aim at political figures and the system of Capitalism. A few metal riffs can be found in songs such as "Midnight Hands" and "Broken Mirrors," while special background vocals and softer tones are carefully placed throughout the album.

The first single off this album, "Help is On The Way," gives a bleak opinion on how the tragedies of Hurricane Katrina and the recent B.P. oil spill were handled. "Choking on the black gold, upon which we rely. We keep axes in the attics to see cameras in the sky," an ear-catching line rings out.

Perhaps the most critiquing question to the listener can be heard on track one, "Architects," asking fans and people in general, "Do you still believe in all the things that you stood by before? Are you out there on the front lines or at home keeping score?" This song stands out particularly because a similar line from Against Me!'s latest hit, "I Was A Teenage Anarchist" is sung. "Don't you remember when you were young and you wanted to set the world on fire?" McIlrath recovers from this copy during the breakdown by adding, "Because I still am and I still do," to the line.

The second most powerful song, "Make It Stop (September's

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Children)," focuses attention on the bullying of children struggling with their sexuality and pleas for this treatment to end. "Too much blood has flown from the wrists of the children shamed for those they chose to kiss, who will rise to stop the blood?" The track starts off with an unusual chorus of children singing "Whoa," mixed with a dance-sounding intro, which is also quite different, but this provides for a great opening to the song.

A sense of threatening energy can be found on track five, "Satellite," with fiery chants that ring out "We won't back down, we won't run and hide, because these are things that we can't deny" and "We are the orphans of the American dream, so shine your light on me." On track seven, "Survivor Guilt," Mcllrath provides listeners with the harsh realities of war, while signaling that, like all great countries, ours is not destroyable. This is demonstrated by adding a dialogue between Art Garfunkel and Marcel Dalio from the novel turned film, "Catch-22." Speaking from the view of a soldier, Mcllrath sings, "Carry on, don't mind me, all I gave was everything and yet you ask me for more?"

This album can be taken two different ways, from a pessimistic viewpoint or as a twelve track wake up call to America. While Rise Against slowly transformed from their original punk roots upon each new release, "Endgame," attests this band can stray from their original sound and still make great music while gaining a wider audience.

"Endgame" receives a 9 out of 10.

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Label: Geffen Records
Tracks: 12
Price: $9.99 ITunes

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around him visibly uneasy. Next the audience is introduced to Valeria (Sandra Delgado) who has been caring for the family estate and is preparing for her mother and little sister's return. Valeria is excited to see her family again, yet also troubled by the financial woes and the family's societal decline caused by the cartels.

Things only get worse for the family when Maite (Charín Alvarez) and her daughter Anita (Christina Nieves) return home after years of living abroad. Valeria has lost most of her money to failed relationships and substance abuse, and decided to pull her daughter out of boarding school to return to the safety and comfort of home. However, the home she once knew has been corrupted, and Maite is faced with the difficult decision to sell the family's beloved pecan groves to the cartel in order to keep their home.

While "El Nogalar" is only a one act play with a modestly sized cast, Saracho manages to tell an engaging and socially relevant story. In choosing to focus solely on the family and their woes, Saracho is able to show not only how drug wars impact the economy, but also how they affect innocent people caught in the middle. Though this message may not resonate with the entire audience, "El Nogalar's" themes of alienation and loss are universal.

A great deal of the play's success in getting its message heard belongs to the cast. Consisting of only six actors (five of which have speaking roles) the players fill the character's shoes beautifully and paint a convincing picture of Mexican hardship. Garcia's Lopez is charming and sincere, and does a wonderful job convincing the audience that, despite his questionable associations, he genuinely cares for the family, such as when he attempts to bribe his boss with an iPad to stave off the sale of the estate. As Anita, Christina Nieves manages to portray a bratty, overprivileged diva with remarkable flair. In another actor's hands, the character might easily become annoying, but Nieves pulls it off, even while prancing around in pajamas complaining to be fed. The stage itself was a minimalist affair, consisting of two slender, leafless trees standing between a large model of the family estate. The model serves as an indicator to the audience of where each scene is taking place; turning to reveal a cross-section interior of the mansion for indoor scenes. While props such as beds and boxes are whisked on and off-stage as each scene requires, it is clear that the actors and their story are the main focus, not the set design.

For all its hit-or-miss attempts at humor (Lopez's iPad reference is cringe-worthy while Dunia's childlike teasing is hilarious), "El Nogalar's" story is both poignant and heartbreaking. The ending is abrupt, almost startlingly so, and leaves the audience wanting more of the story. Ultimately, "El Nogalar" provides a brief glance into a tragic world just beyond our border.

Wormhole

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its free Wi-Fi and modestly priced fuels, looking as if everyone lives there. All the seats are taken, and visitors are sucked into an enjoyable wormhole from which there is no return.

It is a place where even the toy Millenium Falcon hanging from the wall bobs along with the music and liveliness of the place as excited yelps scream out in anguish when Mario meets his inevitable demise in "Super Mario Bros."

Passersby are found gazing inside, awestruck by the DeLorean showcased in the window. They stare inside as if a bear is stampeding through on a bloodthirsty, rage-induced rampage. Inside, there is, in fact, not a bear on a devastating rampage, just childish concoctions coming to life from the paper and crayons they were originally planned out on.

The Wormhole Coffee is located on 1462 N Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago Ill. 60622 in Wicker Park, and is open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. For more information, visit www.thewormholecoffee.com or call 773-661-2468

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While the premise of this book is interesting, there are several missing pieces that take away from the story.

What exactly happened to cause the apocalypse is never explained. In the beginning of the book it is heavily hinted that it is the Y2K, but there is never anything written about how the world fell and how it reacted. You cannot have a horror movie without a monster, so how can you have an apocalypse book without an apocalypse?

Not only are the readers missing any real detail in the aspect of the actual apocalypse, but they rarely get to see any emotion from the protagonist. The protagonist just seems to be this ever-calm, smooth James Bond-like character throughout the entire book. Without this insight into any of the emotions of the characters, it is hard for a reader to really get invested in the book.

Emotional bonds (and crazy explosions) are what makes anything in the apocalypse genre interesting. Instead of using this to his advantage, the writer creates a very two-dimensional tough guy, better suited for an action movie than a book.

At 200 pages, this book is a quick, easy read for anyone with a busy schedule. It is perfect for a long car ride, as long as the driver is not the one reading it. Although there are many aspects of this book that are subpar, the story and premise itself are still very interesting to read.

As far as "Things We Didn't See Coming," goes, it is enjoyable as long as the reader does not mind not being too invested in what they are reading.

"Things You Didn't See Coming," receives a 4 out of 10.

Hanna

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they have been planning for a long time.

Hanna allows herself to be captured by the CIA and taken to a secret base in Morocco, but she manages to escape with ease. She then makes her way across the desert and throughout Europe to complete her mission, with evil CIA agent (Cate Blanchett) on her trail.

The picture is a very lean, almost minimalist piece of action moviemaking. There is relatively little dialogue, and the plot develops slowly, only leaving trace details throughout. The film is almost all action and leaves little room for anything else.

The fights scenes are actually well done, rather than the randomly cut chaos so many other movies provide, where it seems doubtful that even the filmmakers could tell what is going on. In the moments of rest in between, the suspense keeps the mood tense and the audience on edge, with the Chemical Brothers' excellent score adding to the effect.

Things do slow down a bit, as Hanna befriends a free spirited British family vacationing along her journey. This excursion shows how her isolated childhood has left her without the knowledge of how to interact in a social setting. These scenes add some subtle comic relief, but also poignancy as Hanna discovers human companionship that she never knew.

Hanna is a bit of a one-dimensional character, knowing nothing but how to fight and kill, but Ronan carries the film very well. She is believable in her depiction of how someone with no emotion or social skills might be, and she more than holds her own in the hand-to-hand combat scenes.

The film does not fully explain the back story about what is going on in great detail, nor does it really give much insight into the supporting characters' motives, particularly the villains. It also ends rather abruptly, like the filmmakers simply chose a random cut-off point instead of writing a proper conclusion to wrap the story up.

Overall, though, "Hanna" is a breathless, highly entertaining two hours that squeezes every drop of excitement out of its concept and never meanders for a second.

"Hanna" receives a 7 out of 10.

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the solid monster additions, to the mind-boggling graphics, to the incredible plot that makes players think about ethical issues. At the end, players realize that not everything is black and white.

Are Sox truly 'All In?'

Tyler Walk
Chronicle Correspondent

"All In."

The slogan has been plastered all over Chicago, informing fans the White Sox should be taken seriously as a championship contender. It might be only a few weeks into a 162 game season, but it looks like both Juan Pierre and the bullpen might not be buying into that slogan.

It all started on Opening Day in Cleveland, playing against a division rival. By the time the 4th inning was over, the game might as well have been over too. Newly acquired Adam Dunn launched his first home run in a Sox uniform while the rest of the team followed suit with their bats. The Sox were relentless with their offensive attack, scoring 14 runs in those first four innings. Problem was, the bullpen allowed 10.

The bullpen has seen its fair share of problems. After losing such relievers Bobby Jenks and J.J. Putz, the bullpen was one of the biggest question marks coming into the season, and for good reason.

Trusted relievers such as Matt Thornton, Chris Sale and Will Ohman have been the go-to guys, accounting for a majority of the problems. After a few frustrating losses and six blown saves later, Manager Ozzie Guillen went on one of his tirades and stated he does not know who will close out games in the near future.

Only a few weeks into the season, Guillen?

Another issue in the early season bothering the Sox is their defense. In a game against the Tampa Bay Rays, the Sox committed two huge errors. Alexei Ramirez flung a ball wide of first and Pierre dropped a fly ball. The errors ended up costing the Sox five unearned runs and a demoralizing loss.

In another instance of defensive futility, Sox outfielder Pierre dropped another fly ball just two games after his original mistake. This drop also ended up costing the Sox an assured victory. The fans let him have it a few days later when he caught a routine fly ball, offering a "Bronx" cheer.

A majority of the Sox games have been exciting to watch, while some have been downright frustrating. A lineup that can produce 200 home runs and possibly 800 runs scored would bode well for a team trying to make its first postseason appearance since 2008.

There are many issues that need dealt with, but the best thing about baseball is every day is a new day. Only time will tell if the Sox can grind out another division championship and maybe, possibly, hopefully another World Series Championship. Let's see if Pierre and the bullpen can jump on the "All-In" bus.

Clinic

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The camp will be the first of its kind hosted at PUC.

"We will certainly do something of this nature as we move forward and continue to establish the foundation of the PUC Basketball program," Voudrie said.

Additional efforts towards the community, targeting youth in particular, are at the core of community involvement of the team. Voudrie knows it is really comforting to see the program reaching out to involve themselves positively in the lives of young people.

The men's team and the athletic departments have been working with local youth centers including the YMCA and Boys & Girls Clubs, schools, and media to promote the clinic. Current & former players will be instructing the clinic, running the 3rd-8th graders through typical basketball fundamentals & basic skills.

The conclusion of the camp will be a variety of age appropriate competitions and games.

"It's good to see the team involved as well," Voudrie said.

It comes as no surprise committing time to the community is on the agenda for the men. The women's team, who spent time in cooperation with United Way earlier this year, is no stranger to community involvement either.

The demonstrations of humanitarianism by coaches and the young athletes are inspiring and heartwarming, a reminder of just how spectacular individuals can be if they put their minds to it.

Wishful thinking maybe, but the day where a school is more involved in its surrounding community and students are motivated to commit themselves to the improvement and service of others is a dream many people aspire towards.

Registration for the camp takes place the day of camp at 12:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

Registration for the camp takes place beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center on the day of camp.

Fitness Friendly
Workout Tips for All

Squats-just do 'em

Rey Perez
Sports Editor

Squats—love 'em or hate 'em, it's hard to ignore that they are an excellent source of full body exercise. They tone and build muscle, while effectively strengthening the entire body.

The list of benefits is nearly endless:

- Work all major muscle groups.
- Burn calories.
- Tone the butt and thighs.
- Increase flexibility in the lower body.
- Strengthen the back and core.
- Increase cardiovascular strength.
- Gain muscle.

Ladies, squats can be done with or without weights. As previously mentioned in last week's fitness tip, there is no need to worry about bulking up. Squats will only further your quest for toned legs and tight rear end, while effectively increasing your overall strength. The natural body movement of sitting down makes it a simple process that takes very little effort.

Gentlemen, as hard as it is to believe, inserting squats into your workout will just make every other lift stronger. Throw some weights on that bar and start slow, as a proper squat will assure the body of all the benefits listed above.

If you have been overlooking the squat, think twice about getting some squats in. It is one of the best exercises for all of your major muscle groups, and can go a long way in helping your new workout routine. Good luck.

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"We got to keep playing hard," Joel Schmal of Highland said. "We've got one loss already. If we got to beat someone twice, we got to beat someone twice."

In their second game of the day, Indiana's Finest was pitted against undefeated Buckets. After seeing their own hopes for an undefeated season go up in smoke, Indiana's Finest was fired up to stay alive.

"We want to play in the championship," Adam Welter of Indiana's Finest said.

Usually dominant Buckets only had four players, and Indiana's Finest took advantage, piling on the points from the start. Some sloppy plays toward the end by Indiana's Finest extended the game, but they still won 66-30 by the slaughter rule with 8 minutes 35 seconds left.

"They only had four," Welter admitted. "If they had five guys it wouldn't be as easy."

Second Coming's second opponent was Hide Ya Wife & Kids, who entered the day with one loss. Despite being visibly tired from their first contest, Second Coming still had enough left in their tanks to steamroll their adversary in a 75-40 slaughter rule victory.

"I feel real good, even though I'm on injury," Second Coming's Antonio McNeal said, referring to a leg injury he sustained in the first game against Indiana's Finest. "Our team is on the right track. If we continue to communicate, we're nearly unstoppable."

Basketball will take a bye week on April 24, but on May 1, Highland, Buckets, Second Coming and Indiana's Finest will do battle for the championship. Second Coming has a little cushion as the only undefeated team left, but for the other three, it's do or die.

Spring 2011
Intramural Sports standings

Volleyball - week 5

Team (South)	W	L
Angels of Glory	16	2
Spiked Punch	16	2
Gentle Men	12	6
Bumpers	11	7
Spikers	9	9
PUC Peregrines	5	10
Pen Station	5	13
Falcons	5	13
You Got Served	2	16

Team (North)	W	L
Do Work	15	0
Deez	15	3
Set to Kill	12	6
Team Chaos	11	7
EuroCream	9	9
Rainbow Balls	8	10
Shark Squad	5	13
Victorious Secret	3	15
Team Extreme	1	17

Bowling Standings

Tuesday Night:
King Pins defeat My Ball is Heavier for 1st place of the Tuesday Night League
Shark Squad defeated PUC Strikers for 3rd Place of the Tuesday night League
Wednesday Night:
Snakes on a Lane defeated Stooges for 1st place of the Wednesday night league
Bananas defeated Split Happens Again for 3rd place of the Wednesday night league

Intramural Bowling League Championship: (April 19th & 20th)
King Pins vs. Snakes on a Lane
Both teams will bowl on their designated night (King Pins on Tuesday and Snakes on Wednesday) So King Pins will have to wait 24 hours before they will know if they are the intramural bowling league champs.

Basketball Standings

2nd Coming 67 Indiana's Finest 51
Highland 72 Above the Rim 56
2nd Coming 75 Hide Ya Wife & Kids 40
Indiana's Finest 66 Buckets 30

Finals (May 1st)
North Conf. Finals: Buckets vs. Highland
South Conf. Finals: Indiana's Finest vs. 2nd Coming
Championship
All Times TBD

Great dodgeballs of fire

Julie Sipek
Staff Writer

It is around this time of the semester students start to get restless. There is only about a month left, the weather is finally getting nice and some may not be looking forward to finals. The Fitness Center realized this and held an open play dodgeball event on April 11 on the grassy field near Gyte.

The event was held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and had a turnout of 10 participants. The students played several games of five-on-five, prison-style dodgeball.

Since this was an open play activity, so anyone who just so happened to walk by could play. One participant, who was not dressed for dodgeball, even removed his dress shoes, button down shirt, and tie before jumping into the game.

The goals of the open play events are to get everyone on campus involved and give all students a chance to blow off a little steam, no gym membership required. Because the Fitness Center has limited outdoor space, it also gives students the opportunity to be active outside on days when the weather permits.

"It's a fun opportunity to get out and move around," freshman Joanna Marinakos said.

All of the participants seemed to be enjoying themselves and the games got intense as the students dodged, ducked, dipped and dove all over the field. One student even integrated some gymnastics techniques in order to avoid being pegged.

"It's exhausting and it's really competitive," freshman Jamaica Sawyers said.

In prison-style dodgeball, players who 'get out' don't leave the game. They stand in the opposite teams prison located at the back of the playing field. The prisoners may peg opposing players from their jail. They also may get out of prison by catching a ball thrown by one of their teammates on the other side of the field. This type of dodgeball allows everyone to constantly be involved in the game and adds an extra level of difficulty.

Events like these also allow students to interact and make friends outside of the classroom. Meeting new people was the motivation for several of the players participating that evening, including Marinakos and freshman Courtney Wagner.

The Fitness Center will host two more open play prison-style dodgeball events this semester on April 18 and May 4. They will be held at the same location from 6:30-8:30pm. If it rains, the games will be held in the gym. All are invited to come out, meet new people and de-stress a little before finals week.

Intramural final four set

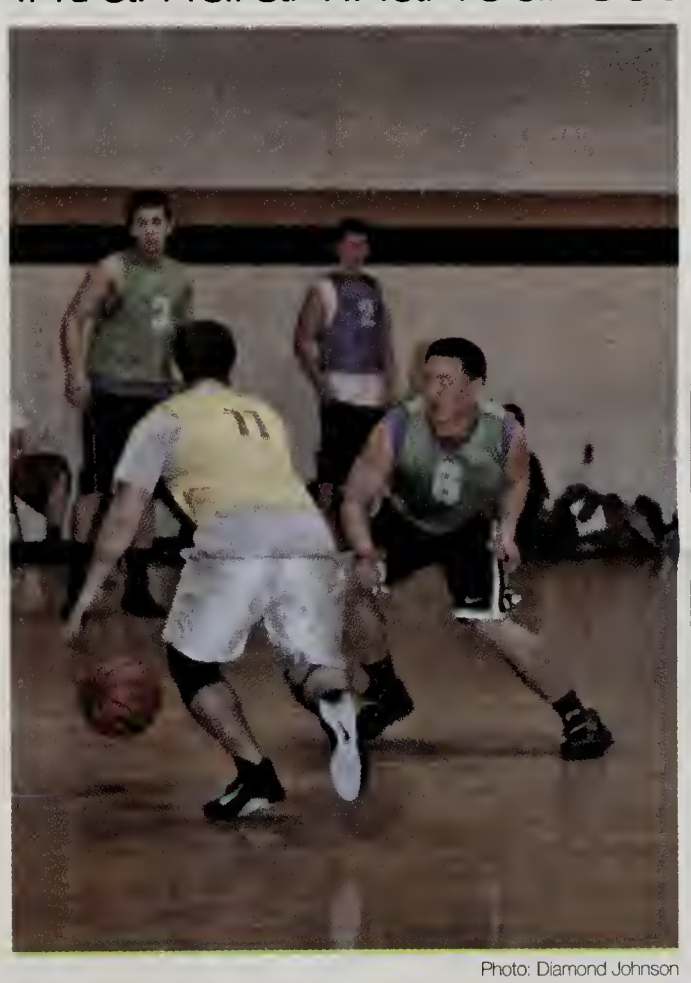

Photo: Diamond Johnson

Mike Storms of Team Highland locks down Ricardo Villa of Above the Rim during intramural basketball action April 17.

Bill Koester
Asst. Sports Editor

Bored by mediocre NBA first round playoff action? If so, PUC intramural basketball action could fill any need for exciting hoops.

Last week, the penultimate week of double elimination playoffs began with six teams. Over the course of four games, some were sent home, others survived to fight another week and a few undefeated teams were reminded they are not invincible.

The first game of the day was a matchup of two undefeated teams, Indiana's Finest and Second Coming. This was the first of two games for both teams that day.

In the first half, Second Coming scored with ease while smothering their opponents with tremendous defense. Trailing 36-21 at halftime, Indiana's Finest played better in the second half, bringing a deficit of as much as 18 points down to just 9. Still, Second Coming emerged as the victor by a final score of 67-51.

Next, Above the Rim took on Highland. Both possessing a loss coming in, the two teams played like there was no tomorrow, which for one of them was true.

The first few minutes of the game were as close as games come. For every shot one team made, the other came right back with a basket of their own. Highland started to pull away, but Above the Rim never fell behind by double digits in the first half, and only trailed 30-27 at the break.

In the second, Above the Rim played valiantly, keeping within 10 points for most of the half. In the end, though, Highland was just better enough to pull ahead to a 72-56 win.

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Women's tennis fall while men get first win of the season

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Freshman Jaime Alvarez gets ready to return a hit in match play April 16 against Roosevelt University.

Brandon Hayes
Asst. News Editor

The women's and men's tennis teams competed against Roosevelt University in a doubleheader last week, at Match Point Tennis Club in Griffith. PUC dropped to 1-4 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference and are 1-7 for this season.

The women's tennis team took 1 out of 3 matches in the doubles, and 2 out of 6 in the singles. PUC's Dawn Jaranowski defeated Shaina Nolley 6-2, 6-4 and Kara Buchholz wiped out RU's Elizabeth Bartz, 6-0, 6-0.

Despite the overall loss, Kara Buchholz was happy with the win she got during a doubles match. "Our game today was really good, we played really hard and we have a great team," Buchholz said.

During the game, Coach Tim Maluga was hopeful in the match against RU.

"Whether we win or lose, this is going to be my favorite matches because there are some teams in this conference that were better than us as well as some that gave close matches," Maluga said.

As for the rest of the season, Maluga said he was very pleased with his team. "I think we've played very well. My expectations for this season have been met, if not surpassed," Maluga said.

"Our goals coming in (to the season) were to first off, make it a positive experience and for everyone to have fun," he continued. "I'm also competitive and I like to see our games advance as the season moves along. Best case scenario we win a few matches too, all three of those have happened."

After Saturday's loss, the women drop to 1-7 on the year and 1-4 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Also last week, the women were defeated by the University of St. Francis 0-9, in Highland. A strong match was played by Buchholz and Lauren Innes as they faced St. Francis' Barb Koziol and Emily Zajda, but were beat out with an 8-5 win by St. Francis.

"Tuesdays match was a different situation. St. Francis is a strong team, even though we got beat pretty handedly, I thought we played great, it was one of our best matches this season actually," Maluga said.

The ladies have just one match left on April 18.

Mens Side

Making history last week, the men's tennis team got their first win of the season and the program as they beat Roosevelt University 8-1. The men are now 1-10 for the Spring Season.

Matt Radencic and James Haworth beat RU's Brandon Olaffson and Daniel Northrop 8-0, while Scott Reynolds and James Scanlon defeated RU's Calvert Miles and Rashe Waters 8-0 as well. The third doubles match was won due to a forfeit by RU.

"I think it was a great win, first one of the year, so that's always positive. We needed it especially after IU East and New Prairie State we fell down 4-5, so it's good to get our first win of the season," Haworth said.

With just two matches left this season, the men hope to finish off the season strong. The next men's match is scheduled for 4 p.m. on April 20. They will face Olivet Nazarene at Andrean High School in Merrillville.

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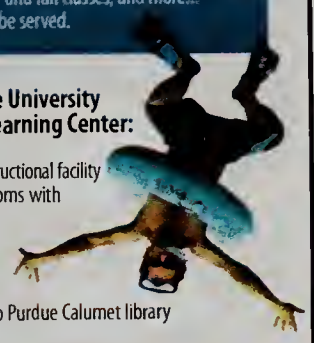

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Subject Code	Course Number	Course Title	Days	Time	Dates
8H5	20100	Stat Methods For 8H5	MTWR	9:00-11:50 a.m.	5/16-6/11/2011
COM	11400	Fundament Of Speech	MTWR	9:00-11:50 a.m.	5/16-6/11/2011
ECON	21000	Prin of Economics	MTWR	10:00-11:50 a.m.	5/16-6/25/2011
EDCI	56000	Ed Tech For Tchg/Lmg	MTWR	3:30-6:20 p.m.	5/16-6/11/2011
F&N	30300	Essentials Of Nutr	MTWR	11:00-1:50 p.m.	5/16-6/11/2011
MGMT	20000	Intro Accounting	MTWR	2:00-3:30 p.m.	5/16-6/25/2011
MUS	25000	Music Appreciation	MTWR	1:30-4:20 p.m.	5/16-6/11/2011
SPAN	10100	Spanish Level I	MTWR	1:00-3:50 p.m.	5/16-6/11/2011
SPAN	20100	Spanish Level III	MTWR	4:00-6:50 p.m.	5/16-6/11/2011

4 Week Courses Starting 6/13/11 End 7/9/11

Subject Code	Course Number	Course Title	Days	Time	Dates
F&N	30300	Essentials Of Nutr	MTWR	9:00-11:50 a.m.	6/13-7/9/2011
SPAN	10200	Spanish Level II	MTWR	1:00-3:50 p.m.	6/13-7/9/2011
SPAN	20200	Spanish Level IV	MTWR	5:00-7:50 p.m.	6/13-7/9/2011
ZIUN	10000	SPAN-S 250 2nd Year Spanish II	MTWR	5:00-7:50 p.m.	6/13-7/9/2011

6 Week Course Starting 6/27/11 - 8/6/11

Subject Code	Course Number	Course Title	Days	Time	Dates
CIS	20400	Intro Comp-Based Sys	MW	1:00-5:50 p.m.	6/27-8/6/2011

8 Week Courses Starting 6/13/11 - 8/6/11

Subject Code	Course Number	Course Title	Days	Time	Dates
A&D	22200	Intro to Photography	MTWR	12:30-2:20 p.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
EDFA	51600	School-Community Relns	M	1:00-3:50 p.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
ENGL	10400	English Composition I	MW	10:00-11:50 a.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
ENGL	10500	English Composition II	MTR	1:00-2:50 p.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
MA	11500	Intermediate Algebra	MTR	5:00-6:50 p.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
MA	15300	Algebra And Trig I	MTR	1:00-2:50 p.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
OLS	25200	Human Relatn In Organz	MTR	2:00-3:30 p.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
PHIL	11000	Intro To Philosophy	MTR	10:00-11:50 a.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
SCI	10400	Intro To Envirmtl Biol	TR	9:00-12:50 p.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
SCI	11200	Intro Physical Sci I	MW	8:00-11:50 a.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
SCI	14000	Intro to Forensic SCI	TR	5:00-8:50 p.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
SCI	31500	Environmntl Sci For Elem Ed	TR	9:00-10:50 a.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
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STAT	13000	Stat & Contempo Life	MTR	10:00-11:50 a.m.	6/13-8/6/2011
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Getting involved

PUC to hosts hoops clinic

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Jacob Arredondo
Staff Writer

Men's Basketball Coach Dan Voudrie just cannot get enough. Even during the offseason, he seeks opportunity to instruct. Lucky enough for region boys and girls grades 3-8, he will be instructing them this time around.

On Saturday, April 23, the men's basketball team will host a basketball clinic from 1-3 p.m. in the Fitness Center.

The purpose of the program, according to Voudrie, is to give players an opportunity to give to the community, give young boys and girls the opportunity to be in a quality basketball camp that might otherwise be unavailable to due finances, and to promote PUC's summer basketball camps.

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